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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Kai Lehmann et al

Title: DEVICE FOR CHANGING THE ANGLE OF ROTATION OF A CAMSHAFT
RELATIVE TO A DRIVE WHEEL OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION
ENGINE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references are considered to represent the state of the art. The references considered to represent the closest state of the art, that is, DE 195 02 496 A1 and DE 197 26 365 A1 have been discussed in the introductory part of the application.

The references do not disclose that in a device for hydraulically changing the angle of rotation of a camshaft relative to a drive wheel of an internal combustion engine, including a hydraulic adjusting arrangement which is arranged between the drive wheel

and the camshaft and is connected to a fluid circuit of the internal combustion engine, such that the fluid is admitted to the adjusting arrangement via an on/off valve, and the camshaft is mounted in camshaft bearings, an on/off valve for controlling the fluid supply to the adjusting arrangement is at least partially integrated in one of the camshaft bearings.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Bach'.

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